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**11.30.2009 | Campus and Community, President** City of Dayton elected officials and community leaders dedicated the reconstructed Stewart Street Bridge and roadway today.

The \$16.5 million project was completed one month ahead of schedule and features six traffic lanes and a pair of 10-foot-wide sidewalks. The Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio Public Works Commission, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and the City of Dayton funded the bridge project.

The new bridge and reconstructed roadway will provide a safer environment for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians and will reduce traffic congestion, in addition to improving the appearance of the heavily traveled corridor, according to city officials.

Dayton Mayor Rhine McLin said the Stewart Street Bridge and roadway improvements are part of a broader initiative to renew key infrastructure elements in the city of Dayton.

"The city of Dayton appreciates the community's patience during the construction process, and we know they will enjoy the end product for decades to come," McLin said. "New bridges and roadways contribute to the livability of our neighborhoods and to the quality of the business environment. I want to thank and applaud the city of Dayton construction team for working closely with our key community institutions to complete the bridge and roadway improvements ahead of schedule."

In addition to the bridge replacement, other major roadway improvements were made to Stewart Street between Patterson Boulevard and Brown Street. Improvements include a new concrete road surface, new sidewalks, a resurfaced recreation trail along the roadway's southern edge, landscaping and ornamental lighting. This project's construction cost is \$3.3 million. The Ohio Public Works Commission, University of Dayton and the city of Dayton funded this project.

"The University of Dayton and the city of Dayton have enjoyed a long, historic relationship as community partners," said Daniel J. Curran, University of Dayton president. "We've enjoyed collaborating with the city on this important project that helps create a gateway to campus and the southern edge of the city. It's our front porch. We're grateful to city officials for their leadership in bringing this project to fruition under an ambitious timetable."

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